Lexington Ga Dec 19–1924

Mr J C Collier

Bamsville Ga

Dear Sir

Your letter of Sept 12. 1924 addressed to "nearest resident of Old Salem Church was delivered to me. I bring one of the deacons and the Clerk of the Church. Your inquiry in regard to the Collier family especially Vines Collier reminds me that I have heard my Mother speak of Vines Collier she was a Howard and some of her people married a Collier

I have been making inquiry among the older people and find out that the E.T. Howard place was at one time known as the Collier place I received this information from a blind man that lives in the neighborhood. I have seen an old maiden woman who lives at Stephens Ga she was raised near here. She informes me that she has heard her mother speak of the Howard place as the Vines Collier place and that Vines Collier was buried near the house. There is

a small grave yard in the field near the house, it is in a smal bunch of pines I live about 2½ miles from Mr Haward, my home is on the Stone Mountain High-way 5½ miles south of Lexington I don't find any Collier grave in either of the Cemeterys in Lexington

I have examined the records in the Clerks office and find that what we know now as the Haward land was deeded on Nov 15-1824 by Cuthbert Collier to Peachy R. Gilmer and on Dec 1-1836.

by Peachy R Gilmer to Wm T. Haward. Wm T. Haward was the father of Mrs E. T. Haward. I cannot find how Cuthbert Collier came in possession of this property.

Oglethorpe County was formed in 1794 and this section was at that time a part of Wilkes County It may be possible that the records of Wilkes County would show this land as being the Vines Collier place. From what I can gather from the oldest people I do not doubt but that the Haward place is the

Vines Collier place and
that Vines Collier is buried
there
I expect that that you have
given up hopes of ever
hearing from your letter
and I should have written
to you sooner but have
been trying to get all of
the information I could
before writing.
I know a very old man
in Sanford Fla that was
raised and lived till middle
life near Salem Church. I
am going to write to him.
it may be that he can
give me some information

in regard to the Collier family.

I go to Washington some times and the next time that I am there I will see if I can find any record of the Vines Collier land.

I do not find anything on the Salem Church record of any Colliers, though we only have the record since 1854. The Church was organized July 1789. all records prior to 1854 was burned in the burning of Dr Landers home

Of the information that I have given

will be of any good to you
I am glad that your letter
fell in my hands.
If I can serve you
in the future in any
way all you have to do
is let me know it. or
if you are ever through
here stop at my home
just my wife and I. live
by ourselves she says that
we are two old fools but
I tell her that we are just
in our prime. you may
know by this that I have
passed middle life. I was
born and raise near my
present home which I have

owned for nearly forty years
and the name of Collier is
familiar to men of my age.
Let me know if I can be of
any service to you in the
future
Hope that you and yours
will have a pleasant Christ-
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Respt.
John S Bacon